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THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER:—" The reasonable price is not fixed by the profit that is made. It is fixed by other means."

SRI A. GOVINDASWAMY NAYAGAR:—" வெள்ளைக்காரர்களை விரட்டி அடித்த காங்கிரஸ் சர்க்கார் வெள்ளைக்கார ஆதிபத்தியத்தில் இருக்கும் சர்க்கரை ஆலையை எடுத்து தேசியமயமாக்குவதற்கு முன் வருவார்களா ? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI:—" Sugar tastes the same whoever makes it. There is no contamination on account of the white or black people. As regards business itself, much depends on who starts the sugar factories."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN:—" Is it a fact that the sugar factory owners are permitted to collect a sort of irrigation cess from these sugarcane cultivators? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER:—" Not that I am aware of."

Delay in the payment of travelling allowance to certain teachers in Malabar in connexion with census and election works.

* 441 *Q.*—SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR (on behalf of Sri V. R. Krishna Ayyar): Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state how many teachers and N.G.Os. in Malabar district remain to be paid travelling allowance and other charges—

(i) for duties connected with the preparation of the National Census of 1950–51; and

(ii) for working during the last General Elections?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM:—" (i) 929.

" (ii) 553."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM:—" In view of the many questions of a similar nature always inundating this House on the same subject, I come to the conclusion that there is something wrong in calculating this travelling allowance which does no credit to the Government. Will the Government take proper steps to clear this kind of arrears and see that similar questions do not come before the House in future? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM:—" I do agree that there is something wrong in Malabar with reference to this subject. I am personally looking into it. I may assure the hon. Member that I wish to see that these things are cleared as early as possible."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR:—" The Hon. Minister for Education had been kind enough to give such assurances several times and in spite of those assurances, there are a number of cases where payment is yet to be made. Will the Hon. Minister be pleased to take this as a serious matter and see that defects are rectified wherever they may be found? "

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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I am really sorry that, in spite of my assurance, I have not been able to carry it out. I have taken it seriously and I am looking into the matter."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" Is the delay in payment of travelling allowance due to delay of claims or is it due to the sluggishness in the working of the office? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The main reason given by the officials is that the present address of the claimant is not known. I do not think that should be a difficulty which could be put as an excuse. That is why I am looking into the matter. I have taken the matter seriously and I shall see that this defect is rectified."

SRI P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN :—" I had brought to the notice of the Government the present address as well as the special cases in which travelling allowances are not paid. The Government have not taken steps. May I know the reason for this? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The Government have taken steps. There is something wrong at the other end, Malabar. That is why I said that I am looking into the matter. I shall try my best to rectify this delay."

Public receptions in honour of Government servants.

* 442 *Q.*—SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR (on behalf of Sri V. R. Krishna Ayyar): Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state whether the Government have passed any orders prohibiting, permitting or regulating the acceptance of dinners and other similar receptions got up in honour of (*a*) Executive Officers and (*b*) Judicial Officers, on the occasion of their transfer and otherwise; if so, what they are?

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Yes. A copy[a] of rule 4 of the Government Servants' Conduct Rules in force on the subject is placed on the table of the House."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" Will the Government in furtherance of the spirit underlying the answer given to this question, completely prohibit the garlanding of officials from Ministers downwards? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Personally, I would prefer non-garlanding. I do not like to have the cold bath that the garlands give. But the point is this. We have examined the rules and I found some flaws. I think at my instance all the Secretaries met. The present subsidiary rules carry things very far. According to these rules, much of the matter has been prohibited."

[a] Printed as Appendix III on pages 757–758 infra.